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To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: December 4, 2015
Re: Platelet Antibody Screen Sample Requirement and Polyagglutination Testing

Effective January 1, 2016, the sample requirement to perform platelet antibody screens will be changing from an EDTA sample (purple top) to a serum sample (red top). Please keep in mind that if additional testing such as platelet crossmatch is required, then an EDTA sample (purple top) is necessary. We would recommend providing both an EDTA and serum sample when requesting platelet antibody testing.

Additionally, during annual review of the fee schedule we identified a missing billing code (B code) for lectin panel(s) used for suspected cases of polyagglutination. Please be advised of the corresponding B code, B2110, Lectin Panel (Polyagglutination) at a \$245.00 charge.

Please contact us with any additional questions or concerns.